

“(d) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to carry out a program under this part, an entity shall prepare, submit to the Corporation, and obtain approval of, an application at such time and in such manner as the Corporation requires, and in such manner as the Chief Executive Officer may reasonably require.”.

SEC. 1804. CLEARINGHOUSES.

Subtitle H is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“PART III—NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS CLEARINGHOUSE

“SEC. 198E. NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS CLEARINGHOUSE.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall provide assistance, either by grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, to entities with expertise in the dissemination of information through clearinghouses to establish one or more clearinghouses for the national service laws.

“(b) FUNCTION OF CLEARINGHOUSE.—Such a clearinghouse may—

“(1) assist entities carrying out State or local service-learning and national service programs with needs assessments and planning;

“(2) conduct research and evaluations concerning service-learning or programs receiving assistance under the national service laws unless the recipient is receiving funds for such purpose under part III of subtitle B and under subtitle H;

“(3)(A) provide leadership development and training to State and local service-learning program administrators, supervisors, service sponsors, and participants; and

“(B) provide training to persons who can provide the leadership development and training described in subparagraph (A);

“(4) facilitate communication among entities carrying out service-learning programs and programs offered under the national service laws and participants in such programs;

“(5) provide and disseminate information and curriculum materials relating to planning and operating service-learning programs and programs offered under the national service laws, to States, Territories, Indian tribes, and local entities eligible to receive financial assistance under the national service laws;

“(6) provide and disseminate information regarding methods to make service-learning programs and programs offered under the national service laws accessible to individuals with disabilities;

“(7) disseminate applications in languages other than English;

“(8)(A) gather and disseminate information on successful service-learning programs and programs offered under the national service laws, components of such successful programs, innovative curricula related to service-learning, and service-learning projects; and

“(B) coordinate the activities of the Clearinghouse with appropriate entities to avoid duplication of effort;

“(9) make recommendations to State and local entities on quality controls to improve the quality of service-learning programs and programs offered under the national service laws;

“(10) assist organizations in recruiting, screening, and placing a diverse population of service-learning coordinators and program sponsors;

“(11) collaborate with the Office of Outreach and Recruitment on an alumni network for those former participants in an approved national service position, to facilitate communication and collaboration between alumni and to leverage their skills, knowledge, and experiences to improve service across our Nation and also serve in a Reserve Corps, who are ready to serve in times of national need;

“(12) disseminate effective strategies for working with disadvantaged youth in national service programs as determined by organizations with an established expertise working with such youth; and

“(13) carry out such other activities as the Chief Executive Officer determines to be appropriate.”.

Subtitle I—American Conservation and Youth Service Corps

SEC. 1811. STATE APPLICATION.

Section 199C(a) (42 U.S.C. 12655b(a)) is amended by inserting after “a State” the following: “, Territory,”.

Subtitle J—Training and Technical Assistance

SEC. 1821. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

Title I is further amended by adding at the end the following new subtitle:

“Subtitle J—Training and Technical Assistance

“SEC. 199N. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall conduct, either directly or through grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements, including through State Commissions on National and Community Service, appropriate training and technical assistance to—

“(1) programs receiving assistance under the national service laws; and

“(2) entities (particularly those in rural areas and underserved communities)—

“(A) that desire to carry out or establish national service programs;

“(B) that desire to apply for assistance under the national service laws; or

“(C) that desire to apply for a subgrant under the national service laws.

“(b) ACTIVITIES INCLUDED.—Such training and technical assistance activities may include—

“(1) providing technical assistance to those applying to carry out national service programs or those carrying out national service programs;

“(2) promoting leadership development in national service programs;

“(3) improving the instructional and programmatic quality of national service programs;

“(4) developing the management and budgetary skills of those operating or overseeing national service programs, including to increase the cost effectiveness of the programs under the national service laws;

“(5) providing for or improving the training provided to the participants in programs under the national service laws;

“(6) facilitating the education of national service programs in risk management procedures, including the training of participants in appropriate risk management practices;

“(7) training of those operating or overseeing national service programs in volunteer recruitment, management, and retention to improve the abilities of such individuals to use participants and other volunteers in an effective manner which results in high quality service and the desire of participants or volunteers to continue to serve in other capacities after the program is completed;

“(8) training of those operating or overseeing national service programs in program evaluation and performance measures to inform practices to augment the capacity and sustainability of the program;

“(9) training of those operating or overseeing national service programs to effectively accommodate people with disabilities to increase the participation of people with disabilities in national service programs;

“(10) establishing networks and collaboration among employers, educators, and other key stakeholders in the community to further leverage resources to increase local participation and to coordinate community-wide planning and service;

“(11) providing training and technical assistance for the National Senior Service Corps; and

“(12) carrying out such other activities as the Chief Executive Officer determines to be appropriate.

“(c) PRIORITY.—The Corporation shall give priority to programs under the national service laws and those entities wishing to establish programs under the national service laws seeking training or technical assistance that—

“(1) seek to carry out (as defined in section 101) high quality programs where the services are needed most;

“(2) seek to carry out (as defined in section 101) high quality programs where national service programs do not currently exist or where the programs are too limited to meet community needs;

“(3) seek to carry out (as defined in section 101) high quality programs that focus on and provide service opportunities for underserved rural and urban areas and populations; and

“(4) assist programs in developing a service component that combines students, out-of-school youths, and older adults as participants to provide needed community services.”.

Subtitle K—Repeal of Title III (Points of Light Foundation)

SEC. 1831. REPEAL.

Title III (42 U.S.C. 12661 et seq.) is repealed.

Subtitle L—Amendments to Title V (Authorization of Appropriations)

SEC. 1841. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 501 (42 U.S.C. 12681) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 501. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“(a) TITLE I.—

“(1) SUBTITLE B.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to provide financial assistance under subtitle B of title I—

“(i) \$65,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, of which \$10,000,000 shall be for summer of service grants and \$10,000,000 shall be deposited in the National Service Trust to support summer of service educational awards; and

“(ii) such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

“(B) PROGRAMS.—Of the amount appropriated under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year—

“(i) not more than 63.75 percent shall be available to provide financial assistance under part I of subtitle B of title I;

“(ii) not more than 25 percent shall be available to provide financial assistance under part II of such subtitle; and

“(iii) not less than 11.25 percent shall be available to provide financial assistance under part III of such subtitle.

“(2) SUBTITLES C, D, AND H.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to provide financial assistance under subtitles C and H of title I, to administer the National Service Trust and disburse national service educational awards and scholarships under subtitle D of title I, and to carry out such audits and evaluations as the Chief Executive Officer or the Inspector General of the Corporation may determine to be necessary, \$485,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012.

“(B) PROGRAMS.—Of the amount appropriated under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year, up to 15 percent shall be made available to provide financial assistance under subsections (b) and (c) of section 126, and under subtitle H of title I.

“(C) SUBTITLE C.—Of the amount appropriated under subparagraph (A), the following amounts shall be made available to provide financial assistance under section 121 of subtitle C of title I:

“(i) For fiscal year 2008, not more than \$324,000,000.

“(ii) For fiscal year 2009, not more than \$357,000,000.

“(iii) For fiscal year 2010, not more than \$397,000,000.

“(iv) For each of fiscal years 2011 through 2012, such sums as may be necessary.

“(3) SUBTITLE E.—There are authorized to be appropriated to operate the National Civilian